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The Honorable Mike Johanns
United States Department of Agriculture
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I invite you to host one of your Farm Bill Forums in Eastern Washington State this fall. While Eastern Washington is heavily dependent on dryland grain, legume and livestock production, Washington State also produces over 250 different crops. With easy access to export markets and the ability to produce a wide variety of crops, Washington State continues to grow as an important agriculture region.

I also understand that the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce Ag Bureau has invited you to be the keynote speaker during the 52nd annual Pacific Northwest Farm Forum, which runs in conjunction with Spokane Ag Expo January 17 through 19, 2006. I would like to also extend my personal invitation and encourage you to find time in your busy schedule to participate in this important event.

The Spokane Farm Forum and Ag Expo has an annual attendance of almost five thousand farmers and ranchers from the Pacific Northwest states as well as Canada. You will find an audience anxious to hear your message.

Thank you for considering my request. I hope to see you in Spokane, Washington this fall.

Best Wishes,



Cathy McMorris
Member of Congress

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your consideration!*

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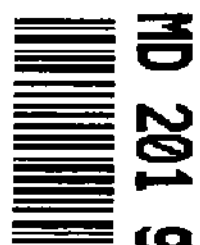
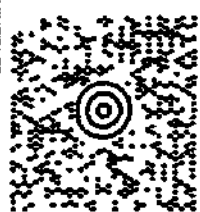
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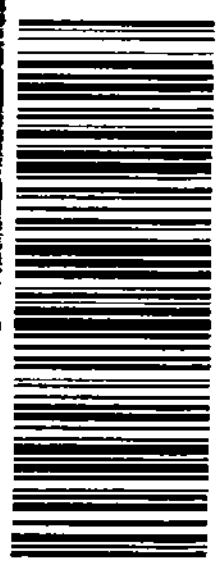


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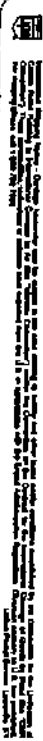
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